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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: *05 December 2003*.

Type: a)☒ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference
c)☐ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant   2)☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes   e)☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: *Claim 1*.

Identification of prior art discussed: *Katz et al. (2002/0174000 A1) and Chandra et al. (2002/0138582 A1)*.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)☐ was reached.   g)☒ was not reached.   h)☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: *See Continuation Sheet*.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant request the after final interview to discuss the cited art Katz et al. (2002/0174000 A1) and Chandra et al. (2002/0138582 A1) and what the Applicant believes to be a difference between the cited art and the Examiner's characterization of the cited art specifically the recitation of claim 1 "maintaining identification for a group of decision-making entities in a memory device" and "receiving responses to the query from the plurality of decision-making entities, wherein each response includes an indicator of support for the proposed action" and additionally how the Applicant believes the difference is claimed in the claimed subject matter. Examiner indicated to the applicant that the cited art does teach in Katz et al. sending alerts to designated users of the system and awaiting action (response) by the user on page 9, and page 20, paragraphs 0304-0305 and Katz on page 10, paragraph 0166, teaches allowing the user to select which parts to consider as critical by rating them, while Chandra et al. on page 7, paragraph 0181 shows "collect opinions, send invitations and RSVs". The applicant stated that the novelty lays with the system automatically storing approval ratings collected from responses to a query send out asking for rating to a task. The applicant indicated to the Examiner that arguments will be drafted and presented in a response to the Final Office action.